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Dear Friend,

I was overwhelmed with the response I received from my “controversial issues” questionnaire that I mailed out earlier this year. Nearly 90 percent of the 8,000+ who responded want to know the results and I have decided to send it to everyone.

It was exciting to see the many responses with extra comments and letters from so many of you. You expressed your opinions and views clearly and eloquently. I agree with many of you who said these issues do not have easy answers and are much more complex than just the answers provided in the survey. This is what I face on a day-to-day basis in the Legislature and I really appreciate your input. It helps me do the job you elected me to do – represent you in Olympia.

During the Legislative Session, and specifically during the committee process, I receive a lot of input from people most directly affected by the laws passed in Olympia. But I also realize that many of you do not have the time to come to Olympia to testify. This is why I so value your input on questionnaires or surveys.

I also want you to know that I was extremely encouraged by the responses relating to ethics, values, and family issues. Many of the problems we face today can be attributed to the erosion of these basic principles. It is comforting to know that so many still cherish character and family values.

Again, thank you for responding to my “controversial issues” questionnaire. I will keep alert to all proposed legislation that may have an effect on these issues, and I will keep you informed to the best of my abilities.

Best wishes to you and your family.

Sincerely,

Dan Swecker  
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